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1. HERewith FULL TEXT C. L. SULZBERGER COLUMN OP-ED PAGE
WASHINGTON STAR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, HEADED, "U.S.
FREEDOM OF ACTION NEEDED IN ANGOLA".

2. CHINSALI, ZAMBIA -- THE COMBINATION OF LIBERAL, ISOLA-
TIONIST AND POLITICALLY MOTIVATED FORCES IN THE U.S. CONGRESS
WHICH SEEMS OUT TO GET THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ON ANGOLA REGARD-
LESS OF CONSEQUENCES MIGHT DO WELL TO HEED THE WORDS OF
ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA BEFORE CRIPPLING AMERICAN
FREEDOM OF ACTION.

3. KAUNDA IS AN UNTARNISHED, OUTSPOKEN CHAMPION OF NON-
ALIGNMENT. HE TOOK WASHINGTON SEVERELY TO TASK ON VIETNAM
AND IS NOW EQUALLY FORTHRIGHT IN HIS OPPOSITION TO SOVIET
MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. MOREOVER, HE IS TOLERANT IF
NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE, AND EVEN
UNDERSTANDING OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS, MUCH AS HE OPPOSES
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PRETORIA ON APARTHEID AND SOUTH WEST AFRICAN (NAMIBIAN)

INDEPENDENCE.

4. "ONCE PORTUGAL WAS OUT OF ANGOLA THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SOVIET SUPPORT OF THE MPLA," KAUNDA TOLD ME DURING A LONG CONVERSATION AT HIS PRIVATE RETREAT IN THE TANZANIAN BORDER AREA WHERE HE WAS BROUGHT UP. (MPLA IS THE ANGOLAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENT AIDED BY RUSSIAN ADVISERS AND ARMS PLUS CUBAN COMBAT TROOPS AND OPPOSED BY THE UNITA-FNLA COALITION PREFERRED BY WASHINGTON, SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAIRE.)

5. "I FEEL WE MUST SPEAK PLAINLY ON ANGOLA," KAUNDA CONTINUED. "WE ARE A NONALIGNED NATION AND WE SPOKE OUT PLAINLY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON VIETNAM. NOW WE MUST BE MORALLY AND POLITICALLY COURAGEOUS AND TELL THE SOVIETS: YOU ARE WRONG.

6. "AS FOR U.S. ARMS HELP FOR OTHER ANGOLANS, THAT IS AN EFFECT OF THE SITUATION, NOT THE CAUSE. A TRULY NONALIGNED COUNTRY MUST CONDEMN SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA. IT IS NOT JUST A POLITICAL ISSUE; IT IS A MORAL ISSUE."

7. ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT WASHINGTON SHOULD DO, HE SAID: "IF U.S. AID IS ASKED BY ANY ANGOLAN POLITICAL PARTIES, WHO AM I TO SAY THE U.S.A. SHOULD NOT RESPOND? I MUST STRESS THAT MPLA, UNITA AND FNLA ARE NO LONGER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THEY ARE JUST POLITICAL PARTIES. ANGOLA WAS LIBERATED WHEN THE PORTUGUESE LEFT.

8. "OUTSIDERS HAVE NO RIGHT TO SELECT ANGOLA'S POLITICAL LEADERS," (A CLEAR DIG AT MOSCOW). "THE UNITA-FNLA COALITION HAS EVERY RIGHT TO REQUEST ARMS FROM THE U.S.A. WHEN THE MPLA RECEIVES SUCH ARMS FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

9. "THE SOVIET UNION HAS SUPPLIED ARMS TO MPLA ALL ALONG. IF THE UNITED STATES IS ASKED BY THE OTHERS TO HELP THEM ACCORDINGLY, WHO AM I TO STAND IN THEIR WAY? WE IN AFRICA MUST LOOK AT ANGOLA IN A SOBER, COOL WAY, NOT EMOTIONALLY.

10. "MUCH AS WE CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA WE CHEAT OURSELVES IF WE THINK THAT BY CONDEMNING SOUTH
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AFRICA WE ARE SETTling THINGS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE TOO IS AN EFFECT OF THE PROBLEM, NOT A CAUSE.

11. "THE ONLY POSSIBLE MEANINGFUL SOLUTION IS TO HAVE A POLITICAL COMPROMISE AMONG THE DISPUTANTS," KAUNDA SAID. "IF AFRICAN LEADERSHIP IS TO BE MEANINGFUL, SUCH A POLITICAL SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND. WHAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW -- ANGOLANS KILLING EACH OTHER -- IS TRAGIC."

12. KAUNDA'S ADVISERS CALL ANGOLA "THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF AFRICA." THE PRESIDENT SAYS: "BEFORE ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE WE PLEADED FOR A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. WE COULD SEE THE GROWING SOVIET SUPPORT AND ARMS BEING SENT IN. WHY DID MOSCOW BELIEVE IT COULD GIVE MASSIVE SUPPORT TO THE MPLA AND THE U.S.A. WOULDN'T INTERVENE? THE SOVIETS SHOULD HAVE URGED MPLA TO FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION, AS WE HAVE BEEN URGING ALL ALONG."

13. KAUNDA PROPOSES THAT "ALL FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ANGOLA MUST QUIT THAT COUNTRY." THIS OBVIOUSLY REFERS TO CUBANS, SOUTH AFRICANS, SOVIET ADVISERS AND MERCENARIES, NOT TO AMERICANS SINCE (APART, PERHAPS, FROM A FEW SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE) NONE ARE THERE. HE HOPES FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AND A POLITICAL SOLUTION. UNLESS THERE IS SUCH A FORMULA, HE WARNS, FOREIGN FORCES WON'T LEAVE ANGOLA.

14. THE PRESIDENT IS A MAN OF HONOR WITH WIDE CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THIS CONTINENT. HIS WORDS MIGHT WELL BE HEEDDED BY THOSE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WHO ARE SOMETIMES MORE GUIDED BY PASSION AND MISINFORMATION THAN BY LEVEL-HEADED EVALUATION OF THE TRUE FACTS AT HAND. (END TEXT) ROBINSON

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